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September 2010 Meeting

June Caunt

'I was not a whingeing Pom'



***Migrants arriving
on the Fairstar,
Fremantle, 1969.***

(Photo courtesy
Battye Library,
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Our meeting will be held on
Tuesday 14 September 2010
5.00pm for 5.30pm

Great Southern Room, 4th floor
State Library of Western Australia

Please see details on Page 3

Objectives

The objectives of the Friends of Battye Library (Inc.) are to assist and promote the interests of the J S Battye Library of West Australian History and the State Records Office, and of those activities of the Library Board of Western Australia concerned with the acquisition, preservation and use of archival and documentary materials.

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State Library of Western Australia
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Post World War Two migration experiences.

June Caunt with Nikki.



Following the meeting you are invited to join us for a meal at Harry's Bar and Grill. Bookings can be confirmed on the night.

Problem with the stairs?

If any members have difficulty with taking the stairs to the fourth floor, please notify staff on either the ground floor reception desk or the Battye Library desk on the 3rd floor for access to the staff lift to the fourth floor.

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About our speaker

Post World War Two migration experiences



June as a young woman enroute to Australia.

June Caunt completed a Masters degree at the University of Notre Dame in 2007 with a thesis titled *From Dream to Reality : A Story of British Migration to WA in the 1960's* and is now doing a PhD with the University of Western Australia's History Department looking into the attitudes of Western Australians towards British immigrants in the 1960's as expressed through newspapers and other documents. She has given talks to many groups and benefited from the memories they have shared with her.

Migrants from the ship *Orcades* having their passports checked, 22 April 1955

(Courtesy Battye Library, West Australian Newspapers collection. 061543PD. Published in *Milk and honey- but no gold : post war migration to Western Australia, 1945-1965* by Nonja Peters, p.103.



A word from our President.

Dear Friends

Exciting news this month, your committee has just approved a Battye Library project for the 2009 Sholl Bequest Funds (yes 2009 – 2010 has not come in yet – the Trustees take time!). The project is to digitise the Western Australian Biographical Index (WABI) cards, and to create a user search function on the State Library's website. This means that the WABI cards will be fully searchable on your own computer, and can provide valuable information relating to dates of births, deaths and marriages of family members, date of arrival in Western Australia, where they lived and occupation, etc. Of course some of this information – which mainly came from family members

contributing to Rica Erickson's gigantic biographical project – may not be accurate. But most of it will be and will be a huge help to those beginning to search their family trees. What about the Dictionaries? - I hear some of you asking. The idea is to progress to the Bi-Centennial Dictionary set after the cards are safely filmed. The card collection takes up a lot of space and is deteriorating with constant use so they must be our first priority. They also contain information that has been added since 1988!

Another big plus to come from the use of our Sholl Bequest funds is the *Maps online* project undertaken by the State Records Office – there are now over 6000 maps available on line to help our researchers – and if you look at any of these maps do not forget the zoom button which lets you get a highly magnified look at particular portions of maps. You can see comments by the surveyors and the names of landmarks, which are often difficult to read on the whole map.

We are also pleased to announce that Lindsey Peet, whom many of you saw when he was made our 2009 Gem of time, has been able to join your committee thanks to the State Library organising a teleconference set-up – which worked very well in its first application earlier this month. He was able to contribute to one of the tabled issues – viz the RSL seeking advice on its archive holdings. Lindsay's long commitment to the library and his wealth of historical experience will be of enormous help to your committee.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our September meeting where June Caunt will be speaking about post war immigration – something we all know a little about!

Do mark 23 November in your diaries – it is our end-of-year function with a traditional in-house dinner and entertainment!

Cheers for now, Pamela.

Our 2010 meetings and speakers' program

23 November 2010 - End of year function

Jennie & Bevan Carter - *Writing the history of Armadale*

Our final meeting for the year will be followed by a catered three course dinner to be held on the fourth floor of the State Library Building. Members and guests are very welcome and all details will be provided in our next newsletter.

State Library News

New Collections

The State Library's heritage collection in the Battye Library has been enriched by several significant donations, including:

- Papers of Sir John Forrest and Lady Margaret Forrest (probate/estate).
- Diary of Errol James Evans on embarkation for service abroad with R.A.A.F. 5/7/1941.
- Photographs of daily life at Sunset Hospital, 1960s.
- History and photographs of the Australian Naval Cadets Association, 1953-1995.
- Letterbook of H M Deakin 1898-1899.
- Oral history interviews of Subiaco RSL sub-branch members.
- Papers of Charles Harcourt Smith 1928-1967 (farmer at Koorda).
- Papers of Governor Professor Gordon Reid.

Note: some of these collections have not been processed or re-housed etc, so may not be accessible to researchers yet.

Jean Chetkovich joins the State Library

In late August, Dr Jean Chetkovich will be joining the staff of the State Library of Western Australia. Jean will be known to many Friends of Battye Library members as an historian and the former Director of the Centre for Western Australian History. Jean will be part of the State Library's Collection Development team with specific responsibility for the collecting of original Western Australian materials. Jean's title will be 'Collection Liaison: Original Materials'. A key part of her role will be to build on the work of the team in seeking and acquiring West Australian heritage material and to promote the State Library's role in preserving and making accessible West Australia's documentary heritage.

With the contacts and experience Jean has built through her involvement in the Centre for Western Australian History at the University of Western Australia, on various Boards and in developing or commissioning West Australian history publications, such as Studies in Western Australian History and the Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia, Jean will be a tremendous asset in this role.

Digitisation

Within the Library's annual digitisation program the State Library has digitised over 23,600 images in the last year. Some important items digitised over the past year include the RAC Year Book and Road Guide 1917-1930, Lands and Surveys Historic Map Series 1880-1890s, Western Table Talk, Society Magazine 1897, illuminated addresses presented to the Governor, Sir Gerard Smith, 1895-1908 and the Badjaling/Winmar collection of photographs.

In addition to the annual reformatting plan, late last year the Library commenced a project to conserve and digitise some 2500 architectural drawings of The Krantz and Sheldon architectural firm, which was established in the early 1930's and made a significant contribution to the architectural history of Western Australia. With some external funding sourced through the Heritage Council, the Library has been able to conserve and digitise part of this extensive collection, making it accessible via the online catalogue.

Closing the Gap

As reported in the last newsletter, the State Library is involved with the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Public Internet Access, also referred to as Closing the Gap. The project seeks to improve access to the internet for Indigenous communities in WA through the provision of upgraded technology and infrastructure for remote regions. The State Library has developed and implemented flexible training programs for computer skills and information literacy to support and enhance the use of the new technology. In addition, the State Library uses the opportunity to digitally repatriate photographs of cultural significance from our collection.

Earlier this year, State Library staff visited the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in the Western Desert region of WA to deliver training in the communities of Wingellina, Blackstone and Warakurna. Training was delivered in partnership with Ngaanyatjarra Media who was contracted to deliver training in all twelve communities within the Ngaanyatjarraku Shire for the first year of the program. In September the State Library will embark on the second year of the program that will see staff delivering training in five communities in the West Kimberley region, including Jarlmadangah Burru, Mowanjum, One Arm Point, Djarindjin and Bidyadanga.

Better Beginnings

Since 2005, the State Library, Rio Tinto and Western Australian local governments have partnered to provide *Better Beginnings*, working with families and communities to support children's early literacy and learning and provide successful school readiness strategies.

Rio Tinto is currently funding a 12 month pilot to build on and embed the successful strategies of *Better Beginnings* with an extension delivering early literacy resources and support for children aged four and five years when they begin their formal education. Pilot centres include 23 remote indigenous communities in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne and Western Desert.

This year's State budget included funding of \$6.8 million, including \$2.8 million from Royalties for Regions, over four years to improve and extend the program throughout Western Australia.

This funding will roll-out *Better Beginnings* to the families of children from birth to age five over the next four years.

Facebook

To complement the State Library Blog (<http://slwa.wordpress.com/>) the Library now a Facebook page: This page allows us to share information and events with other Facebook users; to connect with new audiences; and provides a relaxed space for the online community to interact with the Library.

Sarah Brown
(Battye Historian)

Have you visited the Friends of Battye Library Website yet?

Friends of Battye Library members, Lorraine Clark and Cherie Strickland of 'Swan Genealogy' [<http://www.swangenealogy.com.au>], have produced and continue to maintain our website: New items are being added all the time.

<http://www.friendsofbattyselibrary.org.au>

We welcome your comments or suggestions which can be easily made using the feedback page.

State Records Office News

State Records Commission Award

The State Records Commission Award for excellence, (in reporting compliance with the State Records Act 2000 in annual reports by government agencies), was presented by the Director, State Records Office (SRO) to the Fremantle Port Authority on 17 June 2010. This Award is one of a suite of Special Awards within the W S Lonnie Awards, which are sponsored by the Institute of Public Administration of Australia.

Historical Maps Online project

Approximately 6000 existing digital images of early Lands Department maps and plans are now accessible online, following the implementation between December 2009 and June this year, of a project funded by the Sholl bequest, (through the Friends of Battye Library). New images of archival plans will be added to the SRO's online catalogue (AEON), when they are produced through the SRO's digitisation program; which is progressed in collaboration with the State Library's Preservation Services Branch.

Geoffrey Bolton Lecture

Distinguished Parliamentary Historian Emeritus Professor David Black AM will deliver the 2010 Geoffrey Bolton Lecture on Monday evening 20 September 2010 at 6pm.

Professor Black is the Chairman of the Parliamentary History Advisory Committee of the Parliament of Western Australia and has written and edited more than twenty works about the history of representative democracy in Australia, including the definitive biographies of Western Australia's parliamentary representatives. Commentating in the media for many years, Professor Black has become a well known authority on Western Australian politics and elections.

Professor Black's topic for this year's Lecture is *Parliament, the People and Archives: Documenting Politics in Western Australia*. Like previous years, the venue for this year's Geoffrey Bolton Lecture is the historic Government House Ballroom, in St George's Terrace, Perth.

Bookings are essential for this event. Please email events@sro.wa.gov.au by 13 September 2010 to secure your place for the Geoffrey Bolton Lecture 2010.

SRO Lunchtime Seminars 2010

The State Records Office of Western Australia invites you to the 2010 series of Lunchtime Seminars.

Featuring a variety of topics, these seminars are designed to inform researchers about the SRO, its functions and the collections it houses. It also provides researchers with an opportunity to meet fellow researchers, learn about members of staff, and provides a forum for questions and discussions in a relaxed and friendly environment. Attendees are encouraged to bring their sandwiches and drinks to the seminars. Tea and coffee are provided and bookings are essential.

On Tuesday 6 July Dr Mary Anne Jebb spoke on *Community History and 'Mowanjum 50 years'* to mark NAIDOC week. The venue was the Leschenault Room, ground floor, Alexander Library Building (ALB).

The next talk will be at 12.30pm on Thursday 9 September. The presenter will be researcher Kerry King, and her topic is, *Lifting the Bonnet on the dark history of road crashes in WA*. The venue is the Southwest Room,

Further seminars are:

Wednesday 13 October – Speaker: Damien Hassan

Topic: AEON 2.0.

Wed 24 November – Speaker: to be advised – Topic: to be advised

These dates and venues will be confirmed a month before the event.

Bookings are necessary for these seminars, so please phone 9427 3360 to book, or let us know should you visit the SRO's Search Room before the event.

Details of the 2010 program for SRO's lunchtime seminars are available at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/whatsnew/events.asp>

General Disposal Authority for Local Government Records

The General Disposal Authority (GDA) for Local Government Records has been comprehensively reviewed this year. A Working Group, consisting of metropolitan and regional local government agencies and SRO staff, has held regular meetings to review the draft to ensure that a fully revised GDA reflects current local government operational needs. The draft was released for external stakeholder comment during May

and completed by the end of June this year. The SRO expects that the GDA will soon be approved by the State Records Commission, and published later this year.

SRO staff news

Two new friendly faces at the SRO reference desk are, Michele Keogh and Nicole Thompson. Both archivists have arrived this year from NSW. Michele has recently worked with the NSW office of the National Archives, and also (some years ago) with the City of Armadale in WA. Michele may be with SRO for some time, while Nicole's contract expires in December 2010.

Visitors to the Search Room may remember Jessica Morris who has been with SRO since 2001. Jessica recently returned from a 2nd run of maternity leave, to take up her substantive part time position with the SRO's Record Keeping Services Team.

Tom Reynolds
State Records Office

Have you a story to tell?

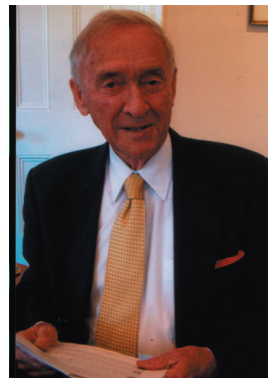
[Robert O'Connor QC kindly supplied the following article. Rob is a member of the committee of the Friends of Battye Library and is a recently retired Barrister specialising in Taxation Law.]

The surname of Colonial Secretary Peter Brown / Broun

This short article deals with the background to the reason why Western Australia's first Colonial Secretary Peter Brown changed his surname to Broun, and is based on my discussions with Mr James Nicholas (Nick) Broun of Beverley (who is the most senior member of the family in WA) and my reading on the subject.

Walterus le Brun moved from France to Scotland in about 1120, taking up residence at Colstoun north of Haddington.

In 1360 Sir John changed the surname of the



James Nicholas (Nick) Broun, great-great-grandson of Peter Broun, July 2010. (photo courtesy Rob O'Connor QC)

family to Broun, which continued for several centuries.

The family “backed the wrong side” in the 1745 Rebellion in which Bonnie Prince Charlie (Prince Charles Edward Stuart, “the Young Pretender”) failed in his attempt to win the English and Scottish thrones. In view of the ill-feeling of the British against the French, and people with French names, members of the Broun family changed their name to Brown.

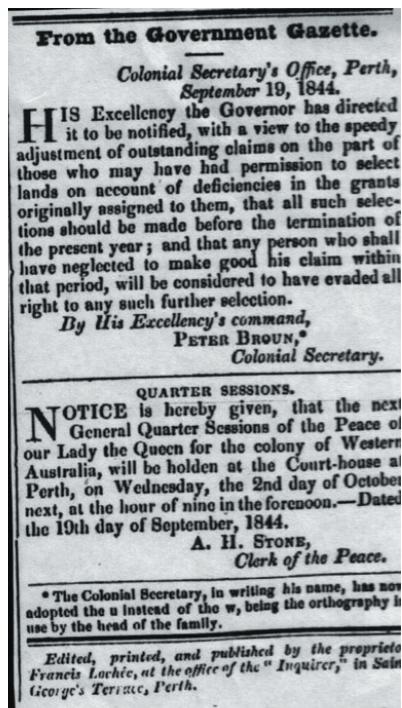
Thus, when Peter was born at Guernsey, Channel Islands in 1797 and arrived in the Swan River Colony as Colonial Secretary in the Parmelia in 1829, his surname was Brown .

By the 1840s , the family had no reason to fear any adverse reaction or prejudice against a French surname . There are several documents prior to 1843 in which the Colonial Secretary’s signature is plainly P. Broun That spelling was used in his signature at the foot of the Estimates for 1843 .

A notice by the Colonial Secretary about land selection was signed on 19 September 1844 as “Peter Broun”. When that notice was published in the *Inquirer* on 25 September 1844, Broun’s name was followed by an asterisk which directed the readers’ attention to an announcement at the foot of that page that the Colonial Secretary had adopted the spelling Broun, being the orthography in use by the head of the family (ie. the baronet in Scotland). The name Brown was never reverted to.

The 13th baronet Sir William Windsor Broun, a fourth generation Australian, died in Sydney in 2007. The baronetcy then passed to his nephew who became Sir Wayne Broun of Colstoun and Thorniedykes in Scotland, and who lives in the Sydney suburb of Warriewood.

Sources and References



From the Government Gazette.
*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
September 19, 1844.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has directed it to be notified, with a view to the speedy adjustment of outstanding claims on the part of those who may have had permission to select lands on account of deficiencies in the grants originally assigned to them, that all such selections should be made before the termination of the present year; and that any person who shall have neglected to make good his claim within that period, will be considered to have evaded all right to any such further selection.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROUN,*
Colonial Secretary.*

QUARTER SESSIONS.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our Lady the Queen for the colony of Western Australia, will be holden at the Court-house at Perth, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October next, at the hour of nine in the forenoon.—Dated the 19th day of September, 1844.

*A. H. STONE,
Clerk of the Peace.*

* The Colonial Secretary, in writing his name, has not adopted the u instead of the w, being the orthography in use by the head of the family.

Edited, printed, and published by the proprietors Francis Lochie, at the office of the "Inquirer," in Saint George's Terrace, Perth.

Extract from the *Inquirer*. Note the asterisk explaining change of spelling. (Image courtesy Rob O'Connor)

My discussions with Mr James Nicholas Broun, July 2010 ; *Early Days*, Journal and Proceedings WAHS, (1935),VI 2 , Part 18," Peter Nicholas Brown (1797 – 1846)", by Dr Cyril Bryan and Mr F I Bray, pp. 3 – 5. *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol 1, Broun (Brown) Peter Nicholas, by Malcolm Uren, pp.164-5; *Brouns of Colstoun – Broun Family History*, by Peter Boyd Broun, 1998; *Inquirer*, 25 September 1844, last page ; *Sydney Morning Herald*, 29 March 2007, Obituary.

Rob O'Connor QC

[Pamela Statham Drew attended a recent seminar held at the Royal Western Australian Historical Society and we are indebted to her for the following report.]

'Beadwork is forever'

On Tuesday 10th August Valerie Carvill held 60 odd ladies in the palm of her hand while she spoke about the magic of beads and beadwork. Sponsored by the Royal Western Australian Historical Society Auxilliary, participants walked in to see a table at the back of the room literally laden with cakes and other scrumptious goodies. Then, surrounded by the society's amazing collection of beaded dresses and bags and a special exhibition put up by the Bead Guild of WA, Valerie began her talk.



An example of modern beadwork. (Photo courtesy Nick Drew)

Beads were used by the very earliest civilisations - including our Aboriginal peoples. Only a few years ago three perforated beads made of kangaroo bone were found in an archaeological dig at Devils Lair in W.A. which proved to be between 17,000 and 19,000 years old – older than the oldest known American Indian beads.

Most people know that the Egyptians used beads in their burial practices but it was a surprise to learn how many cultures have used beads, and

the variety of purposes for which they were used: as a sign of wealth and status, especially among African women; as potent protection against illness, or in Tibet against falling; as a religious object such as the Rosary; as a good luck charm and of course everywhere simply for their beauty and ornamentation. And the variety of different kinds of beads she spoke of - and showed us in specially prepared boards - is mind-blowing: she had beads made of bone, wood, coral, glass, crystal, china, clay, amber, jet, various precious stones, pearls - real and artificial, plastic and steel. They also came in a large variety of shapes: large and small, round and oblong, single and joined, plain and decorated.

A RWHS member, Helen Treloar, a neighbour of Valerie's, contributed a number of pieces to the exhibition including a beaded green snake made by Turkish prisoners in 1919. Valerie had previously told us that Turkey had given its name to the wonderful blue stone, Turquoise, which was one of the earliest materials used for beads. It had been mined in the Sinai desert but exported to Turkey where it was highly valued for its range of colour from light blue to deep green. Amber beads - from a light honey colour to dark red - were also used by ancient man. They came mainly from the Baltic and were believed to have healing properties. Coral beads found in ancient burial sites were supposed to bring good-luck - particularly at sea, to stop bleeding and fend off bronchitis. We learned that specific types of beads, and colours, could have very different meanings.

In finishing up Valerie made her audience laugh by holding up a string of 1960s plastic pop-beads - a fashion that came and went - but still part of a collection that proves beads themselves will go on forever.

Pamela Statham Drew

Email addresses needed

To enable us to share information and keep members up to date on important happenings, we have a group email list for current members. If you would like to be kept informed of important matters or forthcoming events relevant to the Battye Library and the State Records Office, please email me at bevnjen@gmail.com or Nick Drew at nickdrew@bigpond.com .

In September advance notice about the meeting was circulated to our

'online' members. If you received this notice, then your email address has already been included on the list and you do not need to reply to me or Nick. If you are a new member or renewed your membership and included your email address, then your email address has also been added to the group list. If you do not want to be sent any Friends of Battye Library information by email, please let me know.

Jennie Carter
(Editor / membership secretary)

A note from the Treasurer

I have received payment of subscriptions for the year ending June 2011 from many of you.

This is a gentle reminder for any members who have not paid that your continuing support of the Battye Library and State Records Office is greatly appreciated and is needed.

For details please find a membership form on page 19 of this Newsletter with various options on how to make payment OR you can use the membership form on the Friends of Battye Library website www.friendsofbattye.org.au.

I do hope you will continue your membership of the Friends of Battye Library.

Nick Drew, Hon Treasurer

State Library Bookshop - discount for members

The State Library has generously offered members of the Friends of Battye Library a 15% discount on new book purchases. To be eligible for the discount, members must show proof of name when making their purchases so staff can confirm that you are a current member.

Please note that the discount does not apply to secondhand books sold in the bookshop, nor to the Friends of Battye Library publications which are sold at an already discounted rate.

Visit the bookshop on the Ground Floor of the Alexander Library Building
or Telephone: 08 9427 3211, Fax: 08 9427 3215

Email: info@slwa.wa.gov.au. Open seven days a week:

Mon - Fri: 10am - 5pm

Sat & Sun: 12noon - 5pm

Archival quality materials

The bookshop also stocks archival materials as recommended by the State Library's conservation staff. There are a variety of boxes, paper and card, photo enclosures, and binders available to help preserve precious items.

Recent books of interest

From the Royal Western Australian Historical Society [RWAHS] bookshop: [<http://www.histwest.org.au>].

Georgiana Leake's Wildflower Album. Western Australia's first botanical artist. by Margaret Love and Bryan Sherwood with comments from botanist Alex George. Published by RWAHS, Nedlands 2010. ['The Leake and Kingsford families and their life in the Swan River Colony. Includes 43 plates of Georgiana's paintings.']

Tall timber, brown paper and porridge: a childhood memoir by Bob Primrose, (self published. Karrinyup, 2010). ["His childhood offered a world unknown by today's young ones ... Readers of a certain age will enjoy reminiscing through this recreation of the way things were more than half a century ago." - extract from a review by Bruce Devenish for the RWAHS.]

The Sherwood papers: a Swan River story, by Margaret Love. ['recently awarded third prize in the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies' Alexander Henderson Award for family history.' - extract from a review by Steve Errington for the RWAHS.]

From Hesperian Press: [<http://www.hesperianpress.com>].

The Australind journals of Marshall Waller Clifton 1840-1861. Edited by Phyllis Barnes, JMR Cameron and HA Willis with Ian Berryman and

Andrew Gill. [‘Marshall Waller Clifton, Fellow of the Royal Society and Royal Geographical Society, and former Secretary of the Royal Navy’s Victualling Board, was Chief Commissioner for the small agricultural colony of Australind.’]

Born in the desert by Marion Hercock with Georgina (Dadina) Brown. [‘Martu woman Dadina Brown was born and reared in WA’s Little Sandy Desert during the 1970s. Like her famous kinsfolk, Warri and Yatunkga (‘The Last of the Nomads’), her family met Stan Gratte’s party of field historians, and came to live in Wiluna.’]

Eggs-a-Cook! The story of the Forty-fourth War – as the Digger fought it. by Captain C. Longmore. [‘Eggs-a-Cook! relates the experience of the 44th Battalion of the Third Division in France during 1916-1918. Formed at Claremont in early 1916 they landed in England in July 1916, via Egypt, where they collected their cognomen, arriving in France in November.’]

From Fremantle Press: [<http://www.fremantlepress.com.au>]

Under Corporate Skies: A struggle between people, place and profit

by Martin Brueckner & Dyann Ross. [‘Foreword by Erin Brockovich. Is about what happens to communities when they stand in the way of corporate profits. It is the story of a tiny town pitted against a strong corporate neighbour. With the help of international campaigner, Erin Brockovich, the small town of Yarloop is preparing a civil class action against Alcoa World Alumina.’]

Fremantle poets 1: new poets by Scott-Patrick Mitchell, J.P. Quinton & Emma Rooksby edited by Tracy Ryan. [‘Editor and award-winning poet, Tracy Ryan, said the book combines ‘three quite different works, extremely diverse in tone and approach’.]

From UWA Press: [<http://www.uwap.uwa.edu.au>]

Doing life: A biography of Elizabeth Jolley by Brian Dibble. [‘Brian Dibble has been shortlisted for the 2010 National Biography Award. ... his biography details the remarkable experiences of Elizabeth Jolley, from her upbringing in England and Scotland, her days spent in boarding schools and hospital wards, and her independent adult life in Australia.’]

(Compiled by Jennie Carter)

The State Library offers a range of tours and interactive programs designed to help you explore the building and its collections. All tours and programs are free.

Maps, music, microfilm and more

Discover more than just books @ Your State Library.

When: Tuesdays 12.30pm (weekly)

Where: Discovery Lounge ground floor.

This free guided tour of the Library will introduce you to our unique collections, including the J S Batty Library of West Australian History and take you behind the scenes. Tour lasts approximately 50 minutes. Bookings not required (except for groups).

Have you a story to tell?

Contributions for the Friends of Batty Library Newsletter are welcomed from our members.

Have you come across any interesting snippets about Western Australian history? Are you involved in a research project that you would like to share with us? Do you use the Batty Library or any of the online resources provided by the State Library of WA or the Friends of Batty Library? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Articles up to 250 words are preferred for publication. Your contributions can be emailed to bevnjen@gmail.com or posted to the Friends of Batty Library (Inc), PO Box 216, Northbridge WA 6865.

Deadlines for publication for the next newsletter is 15 October 2010.

Jennie Carter
(Editor)

**Friends of Battye Library (Inc) Subscriptions form
From 1 July to 30 June each year**

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Corporate	\$50
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We will still need your completed form for our records, so please return it either by post or as an attachment to an email to nickdrew@bigpond.com with a note of your online payment.

**Thank you for your interest in the Friends of Battye
Library, your support is very much appreciated.**

East Perth Cemeteries Project

The site for a burial ground was surveyed at East Perth in late 1829, and the first acknowledged burial was John Mitchell on 6 January 1830. The cemeteries within the grounds continued to be the main burial ground for the Perth area until April 1899 when burials commenced at Karrakatta Cemetery.

The East Perth Cemeteries burial ground were closed for new burials in 1899, except for those in vaults or with the approval of the Governor. Burials at East Perth continued until 1916 when this practiced was ceased with a handful of exceptions.

It is widely acknowledged that there are over 10,000 burials within the grounds of the East Perth Cemeteries; approximately 3500 of these burials are recorded. There was no burial register kept by either the Church Wardens or the caretakers of the Cemeteries. This led to researchers have spending many hours compiling various histories and datasets on the East Perth Cemeteries and these have been produced in various formats.

Cherie Strickland and Lorraine Clarke with the help of funding from the Friends of Battye Library Inc. are collating a database of the numerous datasets and will carry out further research into other documents and family histories to enable the most comprehensive biographical database on the inhabitants of Cemetery Hill.

In partnership with the National Trust (WA), the Friends of Battye Library aim to make this research available freely online. This database would be fully sourced and would acknowledge all previous researchers who contributed to the end result.

We would like to thank National Trust, Royal West Australian Historical Society, West Australian Genealogical Society, Graham Bown, Ron Bodycoat, Father Edward Doncaster, Gillian O'Mara and Anglican Archives for their support in this endeavour.

Cherie and Lorraine are keen to hear from members who may have ancestors buried in the East Perth Cemeteries; if you have a photo of a headstone or any other document that places you family at East Perth, please contact them at swangenealogy@ozemail.com.au or 93438838.

Jack's Back: Brevities and foretastes

Three different topics vied for coverage here this time!

First then, I hope that some keen Friends were among the visitors who enjoyed the latest display by the Museum of Performing Arts at His Majesty's Theatre. In some 120 photos, it has shown the ornate architecture and décor that was the Ambassadors Theatre, and also stills of the lavish 'presentations' staged there in its early years. It was demolished in 1972, and so nowadays many a viewer under fifty can scarcely believe that Perth once had such a remarkable picture theatre. Incidentally, Battye also holds some excellent scenes of the Ambassadors, and notably an 'album' of 37 shots that came from the photographic firm Illustrations Ltd.

Next I saw the opportunity of reporting that our Newsletter number 131 of November 2008 had met with a pleasing reception in the English village of Gautby in Lincolnshire. In that issue I mentioned this was the parish where the Reverend Edward Millett finally served after his five years here at York in the 1860s. Both he and his wife are buried at Gautby so when a member of their local Heritage Society googled the word 'Gautby' on her computer a while back, she eventually came up with that item of Jack's Back compiled in the antipodes. She then sought and received our permission to make use of the piece in a forthcoming publication of their Society. I have now decided we should wait until we hear further news from England and make a full story of it.

Thirdly, I considered putting together a page on Sir Benjamin Pine. For apparently he is now recognised as having been Western Australia's Governor for a time in 1868-69, though he never actually came here. And thus I find he appears as eighth of the potted biographies in Western Australia's Governors and Premiers, a glossy booklet of 62 pages put out by the Constitutional Centre in 2002. However, that topic too warrants holding over for further investigation and fuller treatment in a future Newsletter.

(Jack Honniball)

[Members might enjoy viewing the following photographs of the sadly long gone Ambassadors Theatre. They have been preserved by the State Library and made available through the Historical Records Rescue Consortium Project led by the Friends of Battye Library with funding from Lotterywest. Jennie Carter]



Ambassadors
Theatre 629 Hay
Street, Perth 1967.
Photographer Fritz
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Interior of the
Ambassadors Theatre,
1953. (Courtesy Battye
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Interior with
orchestra,
ca. 1932 .
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